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SUBJECT: AZOREAN GOVERNMENT COMMUNIQUE

1. AT 2100 LOCAL NOVEMBER 15, JOSE GOULART SOCIALIST MEMBER OF THE JUNTA REGIONAL OF THE AZORES IN CHARGE OF INFORMATION READ A COMMUNIQUE ON LOCAL TV AND RADIO. COMMUNIQUE REPRESENTS THE UN-ANAMOUS VIEW OF ALL MEMBERS OF THE JUNTA INCLUDING ITS PRESIDENT, GENERAL MAGALHAES. JUNTA ALSO SENT TELEGRAMS TO PRESIDENT COSTA GOMES AND PRIME MINISTER PINHEIRO DE AZEVEDA.

2. COMMUNIQUE READS QUOTE:

JUNTA REGIONAL OF AZORES, IN VIEW OF THE LATEST POLITICAL MILITARY EVENTS OCCURING IN LISBON, THAT SEEMS TO REVEAL THE IMPOSSIBILITY OF GOVERNING DEMOCRATICALLY THE COUNTRY AND PUTS IN EMINENT DANGER INDIVIDUAL LIBERTIES, WHICH COULD LEAD TO A CIVIL WAR AND A SUBSEQUENT DPCTATORSHIP OF THE LEFT OR THE RIGHT, FEELS THE OBLIGATION OF TAKING A POSITION BEFORE THE COUNTRY, AND ESPECIALLY BEFORE THE AZOREAN PEOPLE.

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THE SUPPORT THAT HAS BEEN MANIFESTED BY THE GREAT MAJORITY OF
THE PORTUGUESE PEOPLE TO THE SIXTH GOVERNMENT, CANNOT BY
ITSELF, GUARANTEE THAT IT IS ABLE TO GOVERN.

THE REGIONAL JUNTA OF THE AZORES DEMANDS THAT THE NATIONAL
MILITARY FORCES AND OTHER SECURITY FORCES PERFORM THEIR DUTY OF
SEEING THAT LAWS ARE RESPECTED AND THAT THEY BE THE GUARANTOR OF
INDIVIDUAL LIBERTIES. WITHOUT THIS THERE IS NO REAL GOVERNMENT
IN THE COQNTY AND THE AZORES WILL NOT BE ABLE TO REMAIN
INFLUENCED BY A STATE OF ANARCHY.

THE REGIONAL JUNTA OF THE AZORES SHALL REFUSE ANY FORM OF
GOVERNMENT WHICH IS NOT REPRESENTATIVE AND WHICH ACTS AGAINST THE
WILL OF THE MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE.

THE REGIONAL JUNTA OF THE AZORES TAKES THE RESPONSIBILITY OF CON-
TINUING TO ASSURE, IN WHATEVER CIRCUMSTANCE, TO THE AZOREAN PEOPLE
PEACE, WORK AND THE INDIVIDUAL LIBERTIES NECESSARY TO A DEMO-
CRATIC LIFE.

IN THIS GRAVE MOMENT WE COUNT ON THE SUPPORT OF THE POPULATION
OF THE AZORES AND THE POLITICAL AND MILITARY FORCES REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE REGION. UNQUOTE.

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